

(5) Any person who wilfully violates any of the provisions of this section shall, upon conviction thereof, be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and be punished by imprisonment of not more than ten days or a fine of not more than \$50, or both.]

COMMITTEE NOTE (COMMITTEE TO REVISE ARTICLE 27): The Committee questions the need for the existing sabotage offenses contained in Article 27, §§ 535 through 550, given various restrictions under federal law on sabotage or the prevention of hindering, delaying, or interfering with defense related activities.

The Committee recommends that Article 27, § 538 and § 539, which prohibit attempt and conspiracy of sabotage offenses, respectively, be repealed as unnecessary as the common law offenses of attempt and conspiracy to commit an offense provide penalties consistent with the commission of the offense.

The Committee recommends that the following provisions of Article 27 be transferred as follows: (1) Article 27, § 541 to Article 27, § 577, by expanding the law of trespass to public property; (2) Article 27, § 542 to § 2-210 of the Criminal Procedure Article, as a condition of warrantless arrest; and (3) Article 27, § 543 and § 544 to § 8-627 of the Transportation Article, as they relate to the restricted use of highways.

#### SABOTAGE AND RELATED CRIMES

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(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "DEFENSE-RELATED ACTIVITY" MEANS:

(1) THE PREPARATION OF THE UNITED STATES OR A STATE FOR DEFENSE OR WAR; OR

(2) THE PROSECUTION OF WAR BY THE UNITED STATES OR A COUNTRY WITH WHICH THE UNITED STATES MAINTAINS FRIENDLY RELATIONS.

(C) "IDENTIFICATION BADGE" MEANS A BADGE THAT A PERSON WEARS TO SHOW THE PERSON'S IDENTITY OR RIGHT TO BE IN OR ON ANY PREMISES DESCRIBED IN § 538 OF THIS SUBHEADING.

(D) "IDENTIFICATION CARD" MEANS A CARD OR PASS ISSUED FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING THE IDENTITY AND THE RIGHT OF THE PERSON TO BE IN OR ON ANY PREMISES DESCRIBED IN § 538 OF THIS SUBHEADING.

(E) "POLITICAL SUBDIVISION" MEANS A COUNTY, MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT, OR PUBLIC CORPORATION OF THE STATE.

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(A) A PERSON MAY NOT DESTROY, IMPAIR, DAMAGE, OR INTERFERE OR TAMPER WITH REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY WITH INTENT TO HINDER, DELAY, OR INTERFERE WITH A DEFENSE-RELATED ACTIVITY.